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Visit to Historic Old Bladensburg.

them. Among the momentous questions or Benton or some other of the great politiof the time was the United States Bank. cal warr ors of the day.

Jackson into the arena, and when Presi- of State through the breakers. dent Jackson removed the deposits, after a three-months' debate, the Senate passed a

In a special message Jackson protested odicals of the manners and customs. broad, black lines, with the memoranda, cials were there. "Expunged by order of the Senate, Jan. 16.

Senate to keep a Journal. As this argu- won the \$5,000 purse. ment involved a plain direction of law, it In those days lotteries were a licensed

Many exciting battles took place in the to hang his clawhammer coat, nankeen vest old halls of Congress, but the giant states- and broadcloth ir cohes after a hard day men of the day knew well how to handle in the Senate with such men as Calhoun

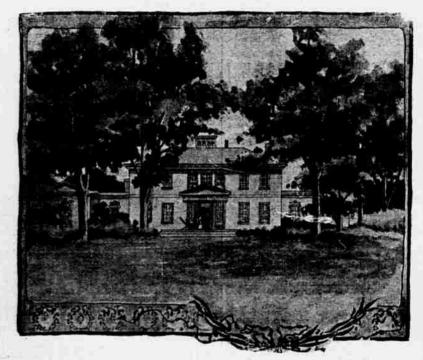
The will to incorporate the Bank passed the Here he came to his friend for quiet and Sena e without division in January, 1791. rest when some great measure was to be and the House Ly a vote of 30 to 20, thought out. Then there was the "pro-This was before Congress came to Wash- tective tariff," which has always had lington. Its bills were made receivable in opponents in regions where there were not all payments to the United States, and it manufactures or industries to protect; and had the power to establish branch banks, the Mexican war, the fugitive slave bill the headquarters to remain in Philadel and nullification have been deleated in the historic hads of Congress with great For three-quarters of a century the ques- power and force fulness, even to hot wrangtion controlled party conflict. It crew such ling, and it has been at such times that men as Jefferson, Hamilton, Calhoun, the magnificent manhood of a live Repub-Clay, Benton, Livingston, Woodbury and lie came to the front and steered the ship

There are many amusing incidents of resolution of censure upon the President. the day handed down through the old peri-

against the resolution. The Senate re- In 1822 a leading topic for a few days fused to receive the protest or place it on was a coming horse-race between the cele record in the Journal; but after a three-brated racers "Sir Charles" and "Eclipse. years' struggle Jackson's supporters carried Ten thousand people assembled at the trotthe expunging resolution, and the resoluting park to witness the contest. Presition of censure was marked around by dent Monroe, the Cabinet and other offi-

It is said that more than a million dol lars were wagered on this race. Planters The argument against this was that it staked their slaves, and it is said after one violated the constitutional direction to the race 800 slaves changed owners. Eclipse

was considered a breach of the law-a institution. In 1823 the managers of the point that some organizations could profit Grand National Lottery absconded, refusing to pay the principal prize of \$100,000. Then followed the Sub-Treasury and The city powers claimed no responsibility State Banks. It is fresh in the minds of for the default, and the ticket-buyers lost many to-day-the inconvenience of the de their money. The headlines of the Na-



THE CALVERT MANOR, WHERE HENRY CLAY WROTE THE CELEBRATED "COMPROMISE BILL."

of "wild-cat" currency.

Clay's "Missouri Compromise Bill." This matter calls to memory a drive we took a farms, fruit and flower nurseries-beautiful of the prosperity of other days. It is only in recorded history that this old town

We remember that the Hon. Wm. Wirt was born here; but we looked in vain for fore Congress. Men took strong measure a habitation where you would think that Calhoun, Webster, Jefferson, Clay, or any of the great magnates could congregate after a hard-fought battle of words in Congress to revel in canvasbacks, terrapin, oysters, or poker. There are no indications of the comforts, say naught of the luxuries, ground?

We drove to the point just below th that even the river has run its race and of \$15,000,000.

been lost in the sea. No foreign ship could invade our Capital to day from that quarter, for nature has thrown up her barments of this kind: "15,000,000! Not one The Encampment will be held at Findlay, the breastworks of a Nation.

A drive of half a mile farther and we come to two small brick buildings. Between these a carriage drive branched off from the pike and ran through an undulating meadow leading to Riverdale Station These buildings, like old Bladensburg, are time-worn and weather-beaten. The granite gateposts are out of perpendicular with age. The small houses were the porter's lodge of the Calvert estate, which for 100 years was the home of the descendants of Lord Baltimore, Cecil Calvert being the founder of the Maryland colony.

On we drive to the Manor House. lies quite hidden from view by the grand old oaks and elms with their thick, dark foliage which cast heavy shadows over the picturesque and ancient-looking place.

Could these trees, the growth of centuries tell the stories of the past what history we would have. They have been silent witnesses of many gay and festive scenes, and the elves in the branches have peeped in at the windows, not only taking note of many a gay cavalier in knee breeches and powdered wig leading the ladies in the quaint costumes of a century ago through the stately minuet, but they have also seen of Henry Clay when he took himself to that upper room in this house to write that

celebrated "Compromise Bill." Henry Clay and George Calvert were boon companions, and a large, square room looking out upon an idvllic view of meadow land and wood was set apart as Henry Clay's room. And there he sat

when he drafted that bill. The room as we saw it was bare and desolate, dismantled of everything that gave it an air of comfort. There was a picture of Henry Clay and "Ashland" hanging over the mantel and one solitary piece of furniture, an ancient wardrobe, in which they say the Sage of Ashland used

line announcing the calamity read thus: "So We Go!"

every new issue for liberty and the growth But Jefferson's artistic skill and taste few years ago with Mrs. John A. Logan, of the new Republic, while at the foot of showed itself, and the "City Beautiful" be the quiet, picturesque country sur- the hill the auctioneer of the slave-pen was rounding old Bladensburg. Neat, thrifty selling men, women and children to the highest bittder. Incongruities never make the landscape; but Bladensburg was a way for glorious success, and the day was deserted village. Not a street bore a sign and yet ripe for the full corn in the ear of a great Republic.

It was during Jefferson's Administration that the purchase of Louisiana came be to defeat the enterprise. Jealousies were then rife, as they are to-day. It was declared: "The purchase of foreign territory was unconstitutional."

The newspapers took up the cry and

preciation of State-Bank notes when you tional Intelligencer were not quite up to the of a former decade. sed the State lines, and the rottenness yellow journalism of to-day. Their head-

> Society was many-sided and many-colthe new Capitol statesmen were battling ington a "City of Streets without houses."

Some felt too much territory would re the Republic; others worried lest the East would become depopulated; that old men which would be our ideal of those days, and young would abandon their homes Is it because that meetings made necessary and seek fortunes and power beyond the by the "code of honor" have cursed the Mississippi, and some religiously believed there never could exist a united Republic made up of men who fight Indians and bridge where Gen. Ross brought up his trap bear around the head waters of the flotilla and disembarked his troops for the Mississippi and men who build ships and advance of the redcoats on Washington, catch fish in the harbors of the Atlantic This, too, was in the long ago, so long coast. Some objected to the enormous debt

ricade and the sands of the sea have formed man in a thousand has any conception what that amount is. Weigh it and there



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would pay an army of 25,000 men 40 shillings each per week for 25 years. * * * Invest the principal at six per cent. school fund, and the interest would support forever 1,800 free schools, allowing 50 scholars and \$500 to each school."

All this was of no avail. The masses were with the Government, and pronounced the purchase a trade consummated.

On October 21 Jefferson informed Congress that the treaty had been ratified, and on Dec. 20, 1803, Louisiana was peaceably taken possession of by the United States.

We have only touched upon a few of the momentous questions that had to be met in the early days of Congress. They are a portion of its history and have borne a vital part in the development and growth of the country and its Capital.

Jeffetson, during his Administration, secured money from Congress for the public buildings, planted four rows of poptar trees on Pennsylvania Avenue, and did what he could to make the "Appian Way of the Republic" in keeping with the magnificent ideal of its founders. This was in imitation of "Unter den Linden" in Berlin; but in 1832 the hoped-for arcade was relegated to the same oblivious as the alder swamps of a former decade.

The buildings in the city.

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many a joke at the embryo city. gan to unfold.

This Will Interest Many.

F. W. Parkhurst, the Boston publisher, says that if any one who is afflicted with rheumatism in any form, or neuralgia, will send their address to him at box 1501, Boston. Mass., he will direct them to a perfect cure. He has nothing to sell or give, only tells you how he was cured. Hundreds have tested it with success.

PERSONAL.

The comrades will be delighted to learn that the venerable Gen. Horace Binney Sargent, endeared to them all by his good work for the veterans and their widows and orphans, is still in good health, notwithstanding his 80 years. He resides now at Santa Monica, Cal., and though his hear ing is bad, all his other faculties are as bright as ever, and his mind clear and active. He takes long rides daily on horseback, Gen. Sargent went out as Lieu-tenant-Colonel of the 1st Mass, Cav., and became Colonel of the regiment, and Brevet

in May.

W. M. Collins Corps, 214, Sand Hill.



BLADENSBURG AS IT LOOKS TO-DAY.

politicians come and go, and no doubt rods to each, and they will cover a distance watched with eye intent the stately form of five and one-third miles. A laborer could not shovel it into earts, at 16 per day, in less than two months. Stack it up, dollar on dollar, and suppose nine to make an inch, the pile will be more than three miles high. It would load 25 sloops. It

> "I have found your Bronchial Troches most useful for hoarseness and colds." Prof. L. Ricci, Queens College, London, Eng. OWN'S Bronchial Sold in boxes only—Avoid imitations

will be 433 tons of solid silver. Load it into wagons and there will be 866 of them. Place the wagons in a line, giving two rods to each, and they will cover a distance of five and one-third miles. A laborer could not show it into coats at 16 per dev. Jerry Simpson is making a systematic canvass of Kansas in the interest of his candidacy to succeed Senator Baker.

Dunlap Post, Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Dunlap Post, Rock Rapids, Iowa, and others present the name of Capt. W. T. Higby for the next Commander of the Department of Iown. Capt. Rigby has a fine military record. He was the only line officer who received special mention for gallantry at Cedar Creek, and the Comte de Paris speaks of him as "the Captain who led his men off the disastrous field with as much deliberation and form as though on parade." Capt. Rigby has become widely known by his excellent work in behalf of the Vicksburg Military Park. His views are all right on the pension question, and he voices the condemnasion question, and he voices the condemna-tion of Evans by the comrades of Iowa.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

There is a strong wave of public senti nent in favor of improving Pennsylvania Avenue by taking the land on the south side for public buildings. This would make it the finest avenue in the world, as it should be. A beginning was made some years ago by locating there the Postoffice Bullding, a superb granite structure, costing about \$4,000,000. The next step proposed is the erection of a fine municipal building for the city of Washington. This is greatly needed. The municipal offices are now located around in various places, generally in rented buildings, not favorably arranged for their accommodation. All the Senators and Representatives seem very strongly in favor of locating all the public buildings in future along the south side of the Avenue.

Col. S. N. Hawkins, New Richmond, Wis., who is now in the city for a week trying to get away for awhile from terrible trying to get away for awhile from terrible memories, has had an experience such as fortunately comes to few men. He served through the war as an enlisted man in the 12th and 51st Wis. Upon his discharge he studied law, was admitted to the bar, married a charming girl, settled at New Richmond, Wis., and became prominent and active in building up a pleasant little town. He was successful in his profession beloful in developing manufacturing sion, helpful in developing manufacturing enterprises, and prominent in politics, church, temperature, and fraternal sociechurch, temperance, and fraternal socie-ties. He was Commander of his Post, District Attorney for his County, and Mayor of his town. He had a delightful home, a fine office, and a library of which he was justly proud. Around him grew up a family of educated, capable sons and daughters, upon whom he and his wife leaned as the staffs of their old age. He took one of his sons in as a partner in his law business, and one of his daughters as stenographer and type-writer. Up to the afternoon of June 12 life seemed as fair for him as it could to any man in the world. for him as it could to any man in the world. Then a storm came up which at first boded nothing serious, but in an instant tore through the fair little town (a deadly swath 500 feet wide, leaving appalling destruction in its wake. In a moment's time his pleasant home was destroyed, his wife, a son, two daughters, a niece, and father-in-law and the hired girl were killed, and himself and noother see were hadly and himself and another son were badly crushed. All his horses, cows, furniture, books, papers, and the precious mementoes and accumulations of a lifetime were swept away by the storm and the fire which away by the storm and the fire which followed it. More than 200 other buildings were destroyed at the same time, and 118 people killed. The loss of property was about \$1,000,000. Comrade Hawkins, who has been appointed an Aid on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, did not sink desertion, again enlisted after an interval under his terrible blow, but for the sake is of the two sons yet remaining to him is bravely striving to rebuild his shattered

They don't burn negro assailants of white women in the District of Columbia, but they give them sentences which make the teeth of such criminals chatter. Lest week six young negroes who were con-victed of a criminal attack upon a young white woman last July were each sen-tenced to 30 years in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va. The seventh, a

The the privileges of ex-territoriality and allow Capitol was dubbed the "Palace in the Wilderness;" Pennsylvania Avenue the "Great street, fast driving, etc. They will be just Another grave subject which burned in ored, from the over-polite French to the Serbonian Bog." Georgetown was a "City as subject to the regulations as ever, except the hearts of Congressmen was Henry under-done from the rural districts. In of Houses without streets," and Wash-that the badges will pass them through the badges without bouses."

Gen. R. G. Dyrenforth, Commander-in-Chief of the Union Veterans' Union, who has been dangerously ill, is now recov-ering at Garfield Memorial Hospital. Com-rades and friends visit the hospital daily to inquire about Gen. Dyrenforth. Lastweek he received a call from Speaker Henderson.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

W. R. C., Department of the Potomac.

It is not a new discovery, but an tenant-Colonel of the 1st Mass. Cav., and became Colonel of the regiment, and Brevet Brigadier-General for gallantry at Bayou Rapids.

Tod Post, of Youngstown, O., has put up Senior Vice Department Laughlin for Commander of the Department of Ohio, G.A.R.
The Encampment will be held at Findlay, in May.

old established fact, that there is a cure for dropsy without tapping, and Rev. H. Lutz, 1274 White St., in Dubuque, Iowa, bears witness to it. "A Mrs. Louise Ode of our city," writes Rev. Lutz, "had dropsy and everybody thought she was beyond help. The least exertion would fatigue her very much and she was hardly able to walk a few steps. On a visit to the poor sufferer I brought her a bottle of Dr. Peter's Blood Vitalizer and urged her to take it regularly. old established fact, that there is a cure for Vitalizer and urged her to take it regularly The good woman followed my advice. Only short time after this she was able to walk to my house, nine blocks, and is now com-pletely restored to health."

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Work of the Pension Office.

The report of certificates issued for the

The report of certificates issued for the week ending Feb, 3 shows—
Army invalid; Original, 31; increase and additional, 423; reissue, 45; restoration and renewal, 47; duplicate, 5; accrued, 93; total, 644.

Army invalid fact of June 27, 1890): Original, 348; increase, 505; additional, 110; reissue, 40; restoration and renewal, 56; supplemental, 7; duplicate, 6; accrued, 129; total, 1,201. 1. 1.201. Army invalid (war with Spain): Origi-

Army widow, etc.: Original, 42; reissue, 1; restoration and renewal, 1; accrued, 1; total, 45.

1; restoration and renewal, 1; accrued, 1; total, 45.

Army widow, etc. (act of June 27, 1890); Original, 257; increase and additional 1; reissue, 1; restoration and renewal, 1; supplemental, 2; accrued, 5; total, 267.

Army widow, etc. (war with Spain); Original, 10.

Navy invalid; Original, 1; increase and additional, 3; reissue, 2; restoration and renewal, 2; duplicate, 1; total, 9.

Navy invalid (act of June 27, 1890); Original, 21; increase and additional, 6; reissue, 2; restoration and renewal, 1; duplicate, 1; accrued, 7; total, 38.

Navy invalid (war with Spain); Original, 2; reissue, 1; total, 3.

Navy widow, etc.: Original, 4.

Navy widow (act of June 27, 1890); Original, 9.

Indian Wars—Survivors: Accrued 1.

Indian Wars—Survivors: Original, 4.

Indian Wars—Widows: Original, 4.

Mexican War—Survivors: Original, 1;
estoration and renewal, 1; accrued, 1;

total, 3.
Mexican War—Widows: Original, 2 Mexican War—with the duplicate 1; total, 3.

Totals: Original, 740; increase and additional, 1,048; reissue, 92; restoration and renewal, 109; supplemental, 9; duplicated and renewal, 234; Grand total, 2,249.

Inquiries Answered and Sugges tions Made.

S. B., Canton, O.—The salary of the Commissioner of Pensions is \$5,000 per year, besides which he has certain perquisites, such as the use of a Government carriage and a team of horses.

J. A. B.—If, at medical examination, the claimant through misunderstanding made any statement which he desires to correct, it is his privilege to return to the Examining Surgeous and make such statement as he wishes. The examina-tions are expected to be conducted under such circumstances and in such surroundngs as will allow of the examination being conducted in a thorough and proper manner.

Old Subscriber, National Military Home, Ind.—If for a period of three years a pen-sion is not drawn, the pensioner's name is dropped from the roll, and will not be restored except upon evidence that title to the pension still continues. It does not appear that an invalid pensioner's vife can draw part of his pension under the ac-t of March 3, 1899, unless he executes the proper youchers.

C. M. W., Fitzgerald, Ga.—No widow surviving the soldier, the children under 16 become entitled to the full amoun; that the widow would have been entitled to receive.

J. G. C., Atwater, N. Y.—Bounties were paid for enlistments in the service. Invalid pension is allowed for physical disablement.

G. W. J., Peoria, Ill.—Ten months is a ong time to wait for official action of the Pension Burcau after medical examina-tion in an increase claim, but this delay is common. It is understood an effort is now being made, under Commissioner Evans's direction, to bring up the work on increase cases.

J. E. T., Orpheus, O .- If you claimed on the unsettled disability under the gen eral law before July 1, 1880, you will obtain arrears back to date of discharge, when pension on said disability is allowed.

J. M., Detroit, Mich .- If your pension was granted under the general law, and the unsettled disabilities were claimed on under the general law, your pension on said disabilities will commence from the date you made application on them the date you first time.

of not more than four mouths, and did not by such unlawful enlistment receive or become entitled to receive bounty or gra-tuity, either National, State, or local, that he would not have been entitled to receive under his former enlistment, the charge of describin may be removed on application under the act of March 3, 1889. President Lincoln's proclamation of March 10, 1863, was not intended as an invitation to ab-sentees to return to duty by enlisting in some other organization; they were ex-pected to return to their proper commands.

Moundsville, W. Va. The seventh, a boy under 16, was sentenced to the Reform School until he passed his majority.

The Commissioners propose a general demolition and removal of dilapidated and unsightly buildings in the city.

for signature. EXAMINATION-ATTOR-SPECIAL EXAMINATION—ATTOR-NEYS.—In the case of the mother of Hiram Hughes, the attorney of record was not notified by the Special Examiner of the time and place of taking testimony, and the case being rejected, entered an appeal on the ground that the rejection was illegal or improper because of the absence of such notice. The decision (First Assistant Secretary Ryan, Jan. 10, 1900), refusing to disturb the action of rejection, says:

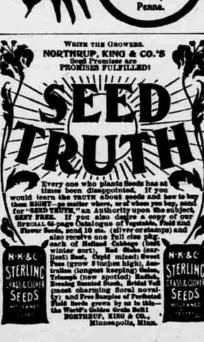
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that the impression prevails among many attorneys, as well as claimants, that the prime object of the Government in pension matters is to defeat claim if possible, special examinations being used for that purpose. This impression, it may be unhesitatingly stated, is absolutely without foundation, is not true in any particular, W. R. C., Department of the Potomac.
Last week the Department of the Potomac,
W. R. C., elected the following officers:
Pres., Matilda R. Sprague; S. V.-P., J.
Emma Evans; J. V.-P., Maggie B. Tew;
Trens., Mrs. Ellis; Chap., Mrs. Addie
Feather; Chairman of the Executive Board,
Mrs. Sallie R. Jacobs. The following were elected members of the Executive
Board: Julia West Hamilton, Vina M.
Calhoun, Mrs. Cornelia Wilkinson, and
Adeline Fletcher. Mrs. Charlotte Kebbey presided over the election.

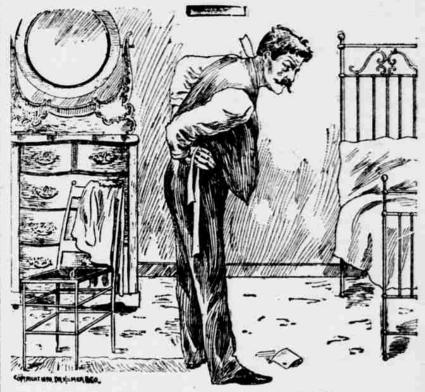
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"By reason of the foregoing it may be stated that attorneys have no inherent right by virtue of their relation to their client to be notified of or to be present at a





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war of the rebellion and the cutters on which he served were under orders to coperate with the Navy, it does not appear that the said cutters were ever in actual coperation with the Navy, and hence claimant can not be regarded as having served in co-operation with the Navy, and so may not claim pension under the act of June 27, 1890.

Sequently for many years Presiding Elder of the Galesburg District, and has been an active soldier in the army of the Lord up to his death. He was Chaplain of the 16th Ill. from May 24, 1861, to June 18, 1862; Fast Chaplain, Department of Illinois, U. V. U. A widow and two sons and one daughter survive him.



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